(e) what drastic steps have been taken by Government to revamp the traffic system in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) With a view to improving traffic discipline on Delhi roads, the Delhi Traffic Police regularly organises special checking and prosecution drives against vehicles drivers. The steps taken in this regard include checking the speed of vehicles by radar-gun; distributing Road Safety Literature announcement of traffic regulations through public address system at important intersections; training of drivers; introduction of conflict-free traffic circulation pattern; introduction of traffic signals/blinkers in accident-prone areas and closing of gaps in the central verges, etc.

(c) and (d) The year-wise details of road accidents in Delhi during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Simple	Fatal	Total	% of increase in accidents
1992	6637	1884	8521	+5.65
1993	6584	1891	8475	—0.53
1994	7260	1790	9050	+6.78

(e) The steps taken have been given in reply to (a) and (b) above.

Non-payment of salaries and allowances of Delhi Home Guards

8006. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of Home Guards appointed by Government to assist the Delhi Police in the capital have not been getting their salaries and allowances since the past few months;

(b) if so, the fact and details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not making payment of salaries and allowances to them and who is responsible for such lapses; and

(d) by when the Home Guards are likely to get their dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d): Home Guard Volunteers do not get salaries; they are paid duty allowance. Payment of duty allowance to Home Guards deployed with Delhi Police for the months of February and March, 1995 was made in March and April, 1995, respectively.

Duty allowance for April, 1995 has already been paid. The duty allowance for May, 1995 will become due only in June. The delay in payment in the past few months was on account of paucity of funds during financial year 1994-95 resulting from increase in duty allowance from Rs. 32.85 to Rs 53.15 per day with effect from 24.8.1994.

Revamping the IB and the raw

8007. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research and Analysis Wing

(RAW) amenable to review and accountable to Parliament, as reported in the Indian Express New Delhi, dated the 15th May, 1995;

(b) whether Government are also considering revamping the existing investigation system, so as to make them more strong in the changing economic, political and defence scenario of the World, by updating scientifically, free from the arbitrary control of the executive/party in power; and

(c) if so, by when the proposed legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Review of the working of investigating/intelligence agencies, with a view to make them more efficient, is a continuous ongoing process. At present there is no proposal for bringing forward any legislation in this regard.

Extortion of money by PCR patrol van COPS

8008. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extortion of money from passengers by PCR Patrol Van cops, posted near the Indira Gandhi International Airport, has been reported in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the police staff posted at check barriers in different localities of Delhi also exort money from the people at nights, in the name of checking, although not reported;

(d) whether the personnel of Home Guards posted for night checking at barriers, have been authorised to conduct checking of the people or they assist local police authorities;

(e) whether Government propose to issue instructions to night barrier checking staff to check only those vehicles which are wanted by the Police authorities;

(f) whether Government also propose to advise people to report at some telephone service in case the vehicles driven by them are not in the wanted list; to check extortion of money by Police Personnel; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. During the period from 1.1.95 to 15.5.95, two incidents of extortion of money from passengers coming from the Airport have been reported.

(b) The details of the cases are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) No such instance of extortion has come to notice during the period from 1.1.95 to 15.5.95.

(d) Home Guards personnel posted at the barriers are not authorised to conduct checking of the people. They only assist the local police.

(e) Instructions exist already for night barrier checking staff to check only those vehicles which are wanted by police authorities only. Checking of vehicles by the police posted at barriers is conducted with a view to checking stolen vehicles, vehicles involved in various crimes, and to check terrorist activities.

(f) and (g) Wide publicity is given to the general public to make use of telephone number 100 of the Police Control Room to report any complaint of extortion.